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In re Application of: Gutowska) Art Unit: 1711
Serial No: 09/209,541)
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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 02/22/01, Applicant sets forth the following amendments and remarks toward reconsideration for allowance of the above-referenced application. Applicant requests a three month extension of time and encloses a fee sheet for the fee, believed to be about \$445.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, and 31 as follows:

1. (amended) A therapeutic agent carrier, comprising:
 - a. a reversible geling copolymer, having a linear random copolymer of:
 - i. an N-alkyl substituted [meth-]acrylamide derivative; and
 - ii. a hydrophilic comonomer, wherein as amount of said hydrophilic comonomer in the linear random copolymer is less than about 10 mole% and greater than or equal to